

1 ***Special Meeting/ Work Session***
2 ***Minutes for March 14, 2005***
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4 *A Special Meeting/Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia,*
5 *Bergen County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex,*
6 *commencing at 7:35pm*
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8 Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Ryan led in
9 the Pledge of Allegiance.
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11 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Dwarica,*
12 *Councilwoman Heveran, Councilwoman Mitrani, Councilman*
13 *Puzzo, Council President Ryan,*
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15 ***Council Absent:*** *none*
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17 ***Also Present:*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney,*
18 *Victoria Miragliotta, Borough Administrator*
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20 Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.
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23 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**
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25 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
26 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
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28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

29 *Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2005* - Councilwoman Dwarica Line 56 should
30 read "Leonia" A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Councilman
31 Ryan to adopt the Minutes of March 14, 2005. Roll call vote on Minutes of March 14,
32 2005 Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo and Ryan voted yes. Minutes
33 adopted.
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35 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

36 No one spoke.
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38 **RESOLUTIONS**
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40 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Ryan to
41 approve Resolutions 05-87 through 05-91. Roll call vote – Councilpersons Dwarica,
42 Mitrani, Heveran, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Resolutions adopted.
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44 Resolution 05-92 – Councilwoman Heveran asked if this was the same as "Jake Brakes."
45 Councilman Puzzo said that this is the same as Jake Braking. The Resolution was
46 amended to exclude Emergency Vehicles. Motion made by Councilperson Puzzo

seconded by Councilperson Heveran. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed. Resolution approved.

Resolution 05-93 – Councilman Ryan questioned the need to have Burgis and the Planning Board Attorney prepare ordinances that are boilerplate ordinances. Mayor Cherchi responded to Councilman Ryan’s concerns.

A motion was made by Councilperson Puzzo seconded by Councilperson Heveran to adopt Ordinance 05-93 Roll Call vote Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo yes. Council President Ryan voted no. Resolution 05-94 approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of Reassessment – Mayor Cherchi gave a brief overview of the presentation made by Mr. Henderson at the previous meeting. Councilwoman Mitrani expressed her concern regarding work that is done on properties without permits may not be picked up in the reassessment process. She would like to see a process in place whereby when homes are sold, a comprehensive inspection is done that would agree with the assessment, and if work has been done without a permit, it is reflected in the assessment.

Mr. Jack Peters, Building Inspector explained the process for a CO inspection.

Mayor Cherchi asked the Council how they would like to proceed regarding the issue and he asked Mr. Russo if we could get another extension. Mr. Russo said we could try. Borough Administrator suggested we have Mr. Henderson write a letter to the County to see if we can get an extension. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Councilman Puzzo all in favor none opposed. The Borough Administrator will have Mr. Henderson write the letter to the County.

Siren Tower/Cellular Antenna Questions and Response – Borough Administrator has not heard from Ms. Bubinski regarding the letter that was sent.

Nominee for Director of South East Senior Center Councilwoman Dwarica will handle.

Jake Brake – Councilman Puzzo would like to meet with the Chief on how this ordinance will be enforced.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Opening Permits and Fees – The Borough Administrator reported that a new Ordinance was being prepared. The Borough Administrator feels that fixing the Ordinance the Borough will have more control by requiring maintenance bonds and insurance certificates.

Border Protection for Tree Pits – Councilwoman Mitrani pulled this from the agenda.

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94 **CORRESPONDENCE**
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96 Councilwoman Heveran asked to have Celebrate New Jersey resolution for the next
97 meeting.
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99 **APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILPERSON**
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101 A motion was made by Councilperson Mitrani to appoint Christopher LaBianco as
102 Councilman to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Trachtenberg seconded by Councilwoman
103 Dwarica. All Council voted in favor.
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105 Mayor Cherchi asked for a motion to cancel the meeting of March 21, 2005. Council
106 President Ryan made a motion to cancel the meeting of March 21, 2005 seconded by
107 Councilwoman Heveran. All Council in favor, none opposed.
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109 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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111 No one spoke
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113 **CLOSED SESSION (RESOLUTION F)**
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115 A motion was made to go into Closed Session to discuss Medicare Part B by
116 Councilperson Ryan seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica. All in favor none opposed.
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118 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Councilman Ryan to
119 adjourn the meeting.
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121 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
122 at 9:20pm
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124 Respectfully submitted,
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127 Fran Lehmann
128 Borough Clerk